


REMARKS

Claims 1, 3 - 22 and 24 - 39 are pending in this application. Claims 33 - 39 have been withdrawn from consideration and claims 2 and 23 have been cancelled.

Claim 1 was rejected as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) by U.S. Patent No. 6,194,788, issued to Gilleo in view of Japanese Publication 58103525, published by Kunitomo. Claims 3 - 22 and 24 - 31 were rejected as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Gilleo in view of Kunitomo and further in view of JP 62-081416A, issued to Kobayashi. Claim 32 was rejected as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Gilleo in view of Kunitomo. Claims 1 and 32 have been amended to require that the imidazole portion of the imidazole-anhydride adduct be a non-N substituted imidazole. There is no teaching, disclosure or suggestion in the cited references that would lead one skilled in the art to utilize the underfill encapsulant of the present invention with an imidazole/anhydride adduct having a non-N substituted imidazole in combination with B-stage and cure initiation temperatures as disclosed in the present application. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 3 - 22 and 24 - 31 are patentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Gilleo in view of Kunitomo and further in view of Kobayashi.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. If there are any issues that the Examiner wishes to discuss, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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